

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR RESIDENTS OF
MAPLE-MEADOW SEWER PROPOSAL
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**PALMYRA TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

At 7:30 p.m., Supervisor Lyon welcomed those who came to the informational meeting about a Sewer Proposal in the Maple Avenue/ Meadow Drive area. He introduced David Doyle and Martin Mroczak, both from MRB Engineering Group, who had been hired to prepare a map and plan for installing sewers in this area of 152 homes. The Supervisor asked those present to listen to the Engineer's complete presentation before asking questions or making comments.

Dave Doyle stressed to the group that MRB Group was asked to work on a "preliminary study" to see how feasible municipal sewer service would be for the area. He added that the purpose of the informational meeting was not to present a proposed project or district, but to have affected residents tell the Town Board whether or not to pursue such a project. He was here tonight to present information, not a project.

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Doyle showed an aerial view of the area between the railroad tracks and Quaker Road along Maple Avenue and its adjoining streets. The "map" showed where sewer lines could go, tying into the existing sewer main on Division Street. The map was also configured in three different sections. Each was set up to make the proposal flexible to meet sewer service needs of each section. One, two or all three sections could be included in a future project, depending on who wants the service.

Doyle also provided a handout outlining expected costs of sewer service to each area. With funding from Rural Development, he explained, based on "estimated income of area residents," an annual cost would range from \$730 to \$920 a year for a family of four. This would include normal sewer use charges, as well as an estimated annual amount to pay down the bond used for sewer line installation costs. While there might be other sources of grants to pursue, these were not included in the handout, and no assumptions were made that any more grant money could be found.

When his presentation ended, hands shot up from several in attendance. Several explained they were not in favor of sewer service because it is too expensive, now that they see the numbers. Other

reasons for opposition were that many are retired and on fixed incomes, and their septic systems are working fine, so they have no need of this service. Others explained that they are in favor of sewer service because their homes are situated in places where their septic systems are backing up and they cannot replace them and be in compliance with current codes, so municipal sewer service is their only option.

Other questions included what MRB's charge to the Town was for this preliminary study, map and plan. Dave Doyle said it was \$7500. Also asked was about the results of the last survey. Town Clerk Lynne Green said most people indicated they would be interested in pursuing municipal sewer service if it were "affordable." Dave Lyon said there is a map of the area with properties colored in, showing which properties were "yeses" and which were "nos". He invited those interested to stop in at the Town Clerk's office and look at the map.

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Dave Lyon called on all those who wished to speak. Each question was answered. The last question asked was, "What is the next step?" Dave Lyon said the Town will send affected residents a new survey, now that they had the costs and other details about sewer service to their homes. Responses to this survey will let the Town know who is still in favor of the project and where their properties are located--in case there is a cluster of homes that want it and could be set apart in a sewer project. He added that the Town would not spend more on engineering work until the new survey is tallied.

When there were no more questions or comments, Supervisor Lyon thanked everyone for coming and for their input. The informational meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.

After the meeting, people came up front to talk with Dave Lyon, Dave Doyle and Marty Mroczak, and to look over the map that had been prepared.

Those who signed the sign-in sheets include: Rita Otterbein, Donald Wilkinson, James Hodock, Tim Doyle, Peg Thompson, Bonnie Doell, Lyall Rex, Ken and Pat Morrison, Glenn and Margarita Smith, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Nichols, Wendi Steinruck, Jay Harding, Larry and Kim Pulver, Greg and Val Gilson, Dan Hollingshead, Larry Prutzman, Debbie Curry, Wilma Giesy, Lewis Giesy, Adam Barnes, Geraldine Frederick, Doris Chriswell, Richard Mayo, Elaine and William Hassler, Anthony Lombardo, Alan J. Arthurton, Sue and Douglas DeRue, Richard Ocque, Edward Rush, Paul Decker, Abigail Rosenkranz, Laurie Wagner, Tom Martini, Walt Whitney, Nancy

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Skeels, Dave Matthews, Elaine Mierke, Sandy Overmeier, Barbara and Ray DeVinny, Mary and Dick True, Derrick Lich, Lori Paro, Larry Lott, Billie Rae Walker (reporter for the *Courier-Journal*), Kathryn DeRue, Thomas DeRue, Fred Leiter, T.J. Cunningham, Herb Walton, Dorothy Augustine, Carol and Ed Plesa, Donna Komor, Sheila Rice, Gary LaBerge, Gary Haigh, Paul and Pat Goodness, Paul Dlugosh, Thomas Dlugosh, Sandra Goehle, Jerry and Valerie Gendron, Jerry and Sandy Kelly, Linda and Nelson Cook, Rich Oakleaf, Robert and Reva McCarthy, Sue Leonard, Barbara and Tom Ray, Gerry Hall, Heather Crist, Mike Pringle, Charles Rudy, Doug and Beth Morgan, Jeff Jackson, Charles Hartman, Todd Pipitone, and Mike Boesel, Palmyra Highway Superintendent.

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After the Informational meeting was over, a resident gave the Town Clerk a handwritten note from Christine and Thomas Hickey, who were unable to be at the meeting, but who asked that their note be included with the minutes of this meeting. It reads:

"To whom it may concern:

**NOTE FROM
CONCERNED
HOMEOWNERS**

"We are against the sewer. Sounds good, but too expensive, and we can not afford it. Our pension isn't large enough for that large an expense. We would have to sell our house. Please don't force us into that. At our age we can not afford to make a loan."

At 9:05 p.m., Supervisor Lyon called to order a Town Board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009, at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, New York.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Lyon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PLEDGE TO THE
FLAG**

Upon roll call, the following board members were present:

- David C. Lyon, Supervisor
- James Welch, Councilman
- Kenneth Miller, Councilman
- Michael Lambrix, Councilman

ROLL CALL

Councilman David Nussbaumer was absent.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Also staying to attend the meeting: Palmyra Highway Superintendent Mike Boesel and *Courier-Journal* reporter Billie Rae Walker.

MTN: APPROVE 1/22/2009 TOWN BOARD MTG MINUTES

Motion was made by Mike Lambrix to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting of the Town Board.

Second: Jim Welch

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.



AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution--Accept Bid for Four-Wheel Drive Loader: In order to purchase a 2009 model Four-Wheel Drive, Wheel Loader, bids were announced and posted. Opening of the bids took place on February 9th, with three bid packages opened at 2 p.m. After consulting with legal counsel, and noting that all three bids had exceptions to the specifications, and lack of compliance with bid direction, the following resolution was prepared:

RESOLUTION

New Unused 2009 Model Four Wheel Drive Loader

WHEREAS, the Town received three (3) bids for the New Unused 2009 Four Wheel Drive Loader; and

WHEREAS, there were exceptions on all bids from the specifications, and lack of compliance with bid direction; and

WHEREAS, after a review of all the bids, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended that the Town award the bid to the bidder that had the least number of exceptions to the specifications approved by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town does hereby accept the bid of Five Star Equipment, Inc., and authorize the Town officials to take steps necessary to acquire the above equipment.

Dated: February 12, 2009

Roll Call Vote:

Town Supervisor David C. Lyon	Aye
Town Councilman David M. Nussbaumer	Absent
Town Councilman Michael Lambrix	Aye
Town Councilman James T. Welch	Aye
Town Councilman Kenneth F. Miller	Aye

Jim Welch made the motion to approve the resolution and award the bid for the Four-Wheel Drive Loader to Five Star Equipment, Inc.

MTN: APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AWARD BID TO FIVE STAR EQUIPMENT

Second: Ken Miller

Vote: 4 ayes. Carried.

- 2. Maple-Meadow Sewer Project--Next Step: Supervisor Lyon exercised the right to add another item to the agenda and asked Board members what the next step would be, now that the informational meeting is over. It was agreed that a new survey is in order. Discussion was over whether to wait two weeks to send out the survey, so people could come in to the Clerk's office if they have questions, or to send it out immediately. Ken Miller made the motion to authorize a new survey to be sent out in two weeks, with a two-week return date.

MTN: SEND OUT NEW SURVEY TO MAPLE-MEADOW RESIDENTS

Second: Jim Welch

Vote: 3 ayes. Carried.
Mike Lambrix voted nay.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Before the meeting ended, Mike Boesel asked Board members if they would like to see a 30 to 40 minute demonstration of an infrastructure mapping procedure called Geotilities. He added it could potentially be a Palmyra-Macedon project and wanted Board members to view the benefits of such a program. When Mike has more details, he will bring it up again.

BOARD MEMBERS INTEREST IN DEMO OF GEOTILITIES

MTN: ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:22 p.m., Mike Lambrix made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Ken Miller

Vote: 4 Ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndall Ann P. Green
Palmyra Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009, 7:30 P.M.
PALMYRA TOWN HALL**